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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN BERLIN

1. IN CONNECTION WITH CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY INTO THE  
BROAD SUBJECT OF ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE THE DEPARTMENT  
HAS BEEN ASKED THE FOLLOWING QUESTION:

"FOR ANY ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE OF AN AMERICAN WHICH  
WAS INITIATED, APPROVED, OR CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT  
DURING EACH OF THE LAST TEN YEARS, OR IS CURRENTLY IN  
OPERATION, PLEASE STATE:

(A) WHERE THE REQUEST ORIGINATED (STATE, FBI, ETC.);

(B) THE NAME OF THE HIGHEST STATE OFFICIAL TO APPROVE  
THE REQUEST;

(C) THE DATE THE OPERATION BEGAN; AND

(D) THE NATIONAL SECURITY JUSTIFICATION RELIED UPON."

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2. WE ARE CONCERNED TO KNOW WHETHER THERE IS ANY CONDUCT

IN THIS CATEGORY IN BERLIN. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THE STATE DEPARTMENT DOES NOT INITIATE OR APPROVE ELECTRONIC SURVEILLANCE IN BERLIN AS A GENERAL PRACTICE. HOWEVER, THERE MAY BE SPECIFIC INSTANCES IN WHICH THIS MAY NOT HOLD TRUE. WE HAVE IN MIND, FOR EXAMPLE, THE EXFILTRATION INVESTIGATIONS RELATING TO THE KAPPEL CASE. EVEN IN THIS CASE, HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE OR ITS OFFICIALS COULD BE SAID TO HAVE "APPROVED" IN ANY INSTITUTIONAL WAY.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE USBER'S PROVIDING AS COMPLETE AN ANSWER TO PARA 1 QUESTION AS IT CAN. RUSH

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